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The Hongkong Telegraph.

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Beaverbrook Explains His Politics

Will Support The Tories, If...

London, Jan. 12.—Lord Beaverbrook, owner of the Daily Express, which has a circulation of 4,000,000 copies, explained his politics today following a report that he was no longer a Conservative.

In an interview with Mr A. J. Cummings, the political commentator of the Liberal News Chronicle, Lord Beaverbrook was asked if he intended to give wholehearted or modified support to Mr Winston Churchill and the Conservative Party in the next general election. His reply, according to Mr Cummings, was: "That will depend upon the policy developed by Mr Churchill and the Conservative Party. If it is an Empire policy I am with them. If they fail I oppose them."

THE SAME POLITICS

Lord Beaverbrook said his politics were "the same as they have always been," as set forth in his 1925 book: "Politicians and the Press."

Mr Cummings quoted a passage from that book: "In the Empire and not in Europe our future lies."

The paragraph quoting Lord Beaverbrook as saying he was no longer a Conservative appeared in his own London Evening Standard last week. It declared he would not renew his subscription to the Conservative Party Association in Epsom—the Parliamentary constituency which embraces his home.

The story received worldwide publicity and the Soviet newspaper, Pravda, published it, saying that Lord Beaverbrook had "constantly come out against dependence on the United States."

THE ULTIMATUM

Lord Beaverbrook told Mr Cummings that the Evening Standard statement was not issued by him but by the Conservative Central Office.

The facts were that he had contributed to the Epsom fund while Sir Archibald Southby was Parliamentary candidate for the constituency. He made it clear in letters that he did not intend to contribute further if the policy of Sir Archibald's successor did not conform to his views.

Mr Cummings commented that the Evening Standard paragraph had caused widespread speculation about Lord Beaverbrook. Politicians had asked: "Is he changing direction?" Is he moving to the left? Is he going to don the cloak of liberalism, for which of late he has had many kind words?—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Wing On Fire Report

THE Wing On godown fire report is a massive document of 102 paragraphs, many of them extending to a page in length, and it represents the sum total of an inquiry marked by its devotion to detail and painstaking analysis of evidence. The public has good reason to be thankful to the members of the Commission for the skilful manner in which they have carried out a monumental task, and it is assumed that Government will give to their recommendations the fullest and most sympathetic consideration. Nine recommendations are put forward, calculated to reduce as far as possible risks of a repetition of the disastrous Wing On godown fire. For the most part they appear to meet the requirements, but there is an unexpected absence of emphasis on the necessity for disallowing extra-hazardous goods being stored in buildings which are either partially used as, or connected with domestic premises. There were two classical aspects of the Wing On godown blaze: 1. the appalling loss of life as a result of the fire enveloping tenements situated over the godown where the blaze originated; 2. the severe loss of goods and damage to property caused by the presence in the godowns of highly inflammable and combustible materials. To safeguard lives, the Commission recommends that fire insurance companies should voluntarily agree to refuse insurance cover on extra-hazardous goods stored in buildings partially used

or connected with domestic premises. This hardly seems to cover the subject sufficiently. There should be official prohibition of dangerous goods being stored in close proximity to domestic premises, and the prohibition could very easily have been included in the recommendation that fire insurance companies should refuse to issue cover for extra-hazardous goods if they are stored on domestic premises to be a sufficient deterrent to this practice, but in the interests of public safety it would seem that a much more emphatic and official ruling should be laid down in this matter, and if the authorities decide to incorporate any such provision in the Ordinance there will be general satisfaction. There will be no quarrel with the rest of the recommendations which, if adopted, should help materially in reducing risks in the handling and storing of dangerous goods.

Mr Grimwood Welcomed



Mr E. G. A. Grimwood, (third from left) who is in charge of the Hongkong Government office in London, received a big welcome on his arrival at Kai Tak yesterday. Others in picture are (from left) Messrs Robert Der, J. J. Cowperthwaite, Shum Choy-wah, J. B. Kite, U Tat-chee and C. Y. Hsu. (Telegraph Staff Photographer).

Reported Cabinet Split Over Palestine: Bevin To Resign?

London, Jan. 12.—An unusually long sitting of the Cabinet today heightened speculation about the possibility of a Government crisis over Palestine. One newspaper report said the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, was leading a Cabinet "revolt" against the Middle East policy of the Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin.

Rumours equally unconfirmed declared that Mr Bevin due to face a critical session of Parliament next week on the recent events in Palestine, was on the verge of resigning. The report of a Cabinet split ranged the Minister of Health, Mr Aneurin Bevan and the Deputy Premier, Mr Herbert Morrison, with Sir Stafford Cripps against Mr Bevin, the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, and the Defence Minister Mr A. V. Alexander.

BEVIN TO HOLD ON

The Evening News declared tonight that the Foreign Secretary was determined not to resign and would "grimly" follow the line he has chosen in the Palestine crisis. This paper spoke of "something like a turmoil" at the Foreign Office over the decision not to raise before the Security Council the shooting down of Royal Air Force planes by Israeli fighters.

LI CHAI-SUM A POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR TO CHIANG KAI-SHEK

Nomination Supported By General Pai

PEACE DELEGATES BACK IN TIENTSIN

Nanking, Jan. 12.—Marshal Li Chai-sum, the expelled prominent Kuomintang member and a firm advocate of a Coalition with the Communists to end China's civil war, was among the nominees suggested to replace Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in well informed circles tonight.

The move was reliably understood to have the support of General Pai Chung-hsi, the Kwangsi military leader, at Hankow and possibly several high-ranking Canton and Kwangsi military leaders.

Marshal Li was reported yesterday to have arrived at Shichiauchung (in Red-occupied Hopen) from Hongkong to confer with Mao Tse-tung, the Chinese Communist leader.

Supporters of Marshal Li's nomination said he was the only man who could achieve a settlement with the Reds.

Another nominee suggested tonight for the President's post was General Ho Ying-chin, former Minister of National Defence, who is believed to be supported by more Conservative Kuomintang elements who do not favour Vice-President Li Tsung-jen succeeding the Generalissimo.—Reuter-APP.

YUAN SEEKS PEACE

Nanking, Jan. 12.—The Control Yuan yesterday joined the peace move by drawing up a statement to the government.

The statement lauded Chiang Kai-shek's unselfish spirit in stating, "an indifference to his personal status if peace can be achieved and urged government leaders to do likewise in a peace drive."

"Real victory should attempt to meet the real desires of the people and the achievement of peace," the statement said.

The Yuan members drew up a four point plan to further the peace effort:

- 1.—Send a message to Chiang Kai-shek and Mao Tse-tung to cease military operations and send representatives to negotiate a peace.
- 2.—Invite Chiang Chun, Chang Chi-chung and Shao Li-tze to act as negotiators.
- 3.—Send representatives to the Big Four Ambassadors as representatives of the people to convey the wishes of the people.
- 4.—Yuan members to collect data to be furnished as reference to the concerned quarters and peace negotiators.—Associated Press.

PEACE DOOR STILL OPEN

Tientsin, Jan. 12.—The door to peace "is not locked. It's being kept open," the Tientsin City Council peace delegation said today after returning from their second trip to meet the Communists. They added that it was now necessary to prevail upon the local authorities to accept the Reds' peace terms.

The peace emissaries, interviewed by Reuters tonight, said they had three further conversations during the past 24 hours with General Lin Piao's Chief of Staff.

The emissaries said they had made no further arrangements but would make another trip if developments at this end warranted. They said the new terms were not available for publication.

When pressed by Reuters for some indication, one councillor answered: "You probably can guess what they are."

Nationalist planes went into action late this afternoon in retaliation for the Communist shelling, effectively silencing the Red artillery barrage.

Chinese reports said hand-to-hand fighting was in progress in the western sector.

Peiping today, efforts to secure a peace for the ancient capital continued.

PEACE FORMULA HINT

Among the versions of the peace formula handed by the peace emissaries to the Communists was a suggestion that the Tientsin defenders be granted safe passage to remain frozen in Tientsin to await peace developments, it was reliably learned today.

The emissaries returned yesterday after their second trip to meet the Communists. Observers do not think either scheme, if submitted, was acceptable to the Communists and regard the mayor's move (in submitting a detailed analysis of the situation to the foreign consular and commercial body) as presaging dramatic events.

The potentialities of the situation were graphically revealed yesterday

B & S PROPERTY HIT

Besides the hits and damage already reported, five shells landed in Butterfield and Swire's Hoken property, where damage was caused. Fragments of shrapnel came across the river and splattered over the properties adjacent to the city's main street, formerly known as Victoria Road.

An American Consulate messenger was struck on the shoulder outside Tientsin's equivalent of the Empire State building (the Leopold building) where the American Consulate is located.

The Consulate decided to paste paper over all the windows to prevent possible shrapnel while guards began to put up shutters on all windows, following similar action by the British Consulate.

Predicting that the Communists may intensify their pressure on Tientsin from now on, the Mayor, Mr Tu Chien-shih, last night outlined the prevailing military position to the foreign consular body and prominent British, American and French businessmen whom he invited to a conference.

With the assistance of a large map, Mr Tu Chien-shih described the disposition of General Lin Piao's 10 Communist columns and warned that a major attack was imminent.

He recalled that Tientsin was already 20 days under siege, during which the Nationalist defenders made a surprising stand, particularly during the last week, when waves of Communist made determined sallies from the northwest which were more exposed to attack.

He claimed that General Lin Piao's second column was virtually wiped out in "human sea" tactics, which were covered by smoke screens.

Despite this loss, he warned, a big Communist attack could be expected at any moment—perhaps from the east, since the Nationalist positions there had been somewhat weakened following the loss of the former French arsenal.

The mayor emphasised that General Lin Piao had expected to capture Tientsin within two days but the Nationalists were retaining their positions along the defence dyke for the eighth consecutive day against heavy attacks.

His concluding observations were that while the defenders of Tientsin would fight for peace this may prove to be a memorable day.

The acting Soviet Consul-General, Mr A. S. Zilov, was not present at the interview with the mayor, presumably because the afternoon's heavy Communist artillery barrage hit several buildings close to his official premises.—Reuter.

COMMUNIST CLAIM

Shanghai, Jan. 12.—The Chinese Communist radio claimed today that the Nationalist forces fighting in the suburbs of Peiping have been wiped out and said that China's ancient capital soon will be in Red hands. The broadcast, taking the Russian propaganda line in its entirety,

praised Soviet policies and predicted the defeat of American "imperialism." It said that Secretary of State George Marshall resigned because of the constant defeat of American imperialistic and aggressive policies.

The radio said the Soviet has dealt a resounding blow to attempts of the United States to "prepare a new war."

Attacking especially the European recovery programme, the broadcast said the American foreign policy has been aimed at isolating Russia, but instead had resulted in the "isolation of American imperialism itself."

The radio charged that Mr Marshall masqueraded as mediator in China but actually made possible Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's offensives.—United Press.

AWAITING ASSAULT

Peiping, Jan. 13.—The Nationalists are preparing to meet a possible Red assault on Peiping from the North.

Troops poured in a constant stream through Tehshengmen, Gate of Victorious Peace, one of two openings in the massive Northern Wall of the city.

A visit to this area suggested all the potentialities of a live front. The Hopen model prison, about 100 yards from the gate, was turned into a strong fortress.—Associated Press.

The people of Peiping still do not think the city will be a battlefield, but the Reds appear to be getting tired of General Fu Tso-yi's stalling.

It is considered possible that once they take Tientsin, they might give him an ultimatum to surrender with a clear time limit.

A recent broadcast to General Fu by Ling Piao, Red Commander in the area, demanded his surrender but set no deadline.

The Reds could shell any part of Peiping but have refrained. Nanking continues to pressure Gen. Fu not to make a separate peace. The latest emissary here is ex-Mayor of Peiping Ho Sze-yuan. (Continued on Page 5)

HONGKONG—THE OASIS

London, Jan. 12.—Mr A. Comyns-Carr, K.C., British prosecutor at the major Japanese war trials, today said that Hongkong was the sole remaining bastion of British prestige in the Pacific.

"Hongkong is an oasis of prosperity in a desert of desolation and destruction," he said. "The calamities of the Kuomintang in China have given greater opportunities to the little Colony, which is one place in the Pacific which is able to rely on British administration."

Mr Comyns-Carr said the collapse of China was due, to exhaustion, coupled with misgovernment, which had crippling effects on Shanghai and other treaty ports handed over to China after the war.—United Press.

BIG SEIZURE OF GEMS BY CUSTOMS

London, Jan. 12.—Gems unofficially estimated to be worth £500,000 were seized by the customs authorities today in a London safe deposit box stored under the name of "Onbo Colombo."

According to the Evening News, the depositor is an Italian who brought the jewels to Britain before the last war. The hoard consists of 300 pieces, including rings, watches, brooches, pendants and bracelets.

There are gold and platinum pieces studded with diamonds, rubies, sapphires, pearls, onyx, and emeralds.

Official notices of the seizure said the jewels were brought into Britain "without customs or other duties being first paid." No official valuation has been made.

If the owner makes a claim, legal proceedings will be instituted for the forfeiture and condemnation of the property. Colombo can dispute that the property is liable for forfeiture by filing a writ within one calendar month from the date of the notice, which was published last night.—Reuter.

Vampire Back This Afternoon

The do Havilland Vampire jet fighter which made a forced landing at Bins Bay on Tuesday is expected to arrive in the Colony this afternoon aboard the cruiser Belfast.

The plane was taken from the beach to the crulbar by landing craft.

It is understood that the pilot, F/Lt G. Francis, AFC, will also travel aboard the Belfast.

Expedition Off To Recapture Island From Rebels

Rangoon, Jan. 12.—Burmese Army and Navy forces put out from Rangoon on Wednesday on an expedition to recapture Bilugyun Island off the Burma coast from separatist forces.

The Island fell on Tuesday to Mon and Karen rebels after a 24-hour assault. The Mon and Karen tribes demand a separate state.

Widespread violence erupted after Christmas Eve incidents when Karen spokesmen said 200 of their members were massacred by Government police while attending midnight church services.

A Government spokesman said Bilugyun, near Moulmein and a night's steamer trip from here, was garrisoned by civilian police only when 200 rebels swarmed across the narrow strait separating the island from the mainland to occupy key positions.

He said Government forces hoped to recapture the Island "within two or three days."

The Government suspended passenger and freight operations in the Burmese delta area on Tuesday because of repeated attacks on its steamers.

A band, reportedly led by Communists, seized the Island of Ramree off the coast near Akyab on Tuesday, a Government communiqué said. Government forces are being sent to aid islanders still holding out.

Two sharp clashes on the mainland were reported. The Government said it lost five killed and that rebel casualties were heavy.—Associated Press.

WHERE HEALTH IS CONCERNED THERE CAN BE NO COMPROMISE WITH QUALITY

Recently the Hongkong newspapers have carried important news items regarding the discovery of a NEW vitamin in the treatment of pernicious anaemia (vide H.K. Telegraph Jan. 4, 1949 and South China Morning Post Jan. 6, 1949).

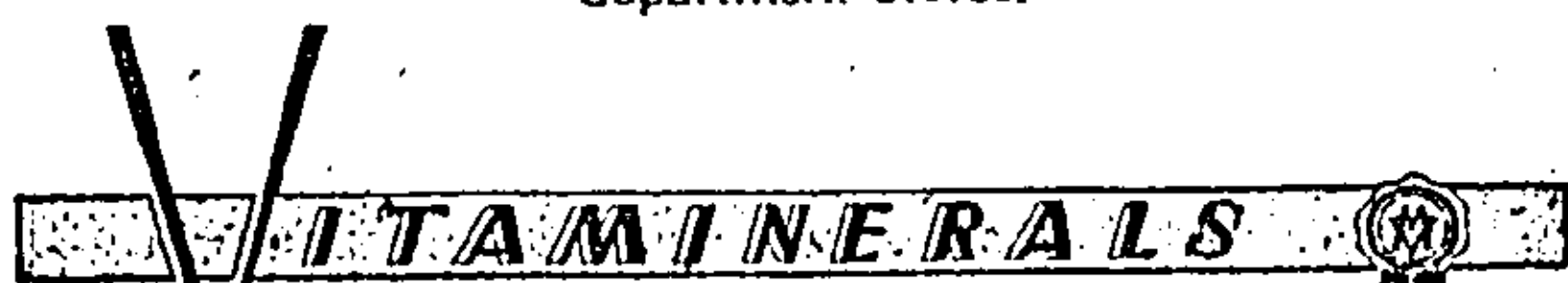
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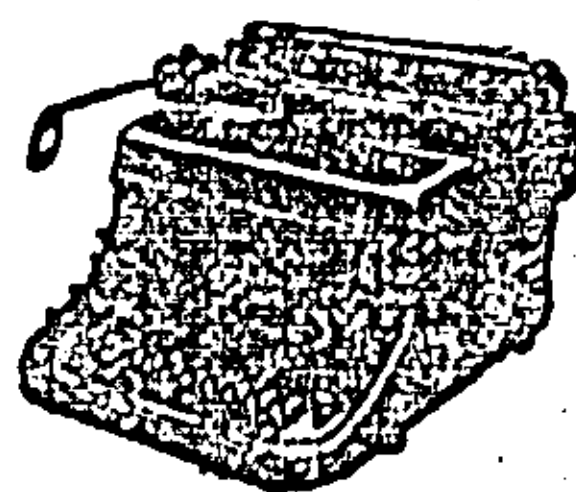
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PREVIEW OF 1949 SPRING FASHION



POPULAR in the spring will be bayadere print—material in which bands of the pattern are repeated in the fabric. These full-skirted dresses in bayadere, with a natural waist and neckline interest come from the Trinick show. The palm tree print (right) has a casually collared square neckline; the other has a yoked bodice worked chevron-wise.

"Something New" For Venice This Spring

By **NORMAN J. MONTELLIER**
VENICE.

WINTER CLEAN-UP OF BEDDING

By **ELEANOR ROSS**

DON'T neglect your bedding when making ready and cleaning the house for the winter season. Only too often, every scrap of the house gets a good-overhauled, all but the bedding, something that really should receive priority. Remember, too, that routine care of bedding as part of the regular cleaning makes the semi-annual job easier.

If innerspring mattresses are turned every two or three weeks, and solid upholstered mattresses every week—end to end one time, and side to side the next—the wear will be more evenly distributed. Once a month mattresses and box-springs are easily cleaned with a vacuum cleaner attachment or with a soft, clean, dry brush.

Housecleaning

House cleaning, bedsprings and boxsprings should also be turned end to end to equalize the wear. Placing mattresses out of doors when there is sunshine or near an open window for at least half a day will freshen them.

When moving innerspring mattresses, they never should be bent or rolled, as this may damage the inner construction. For the same reason, they should not be beaten with a rug beater, or stood on end. Pillows should be gently plumped up every day when making the beds, and not pounded or thumped, as this tends to break the feathers. On linen-changing days, if the pillows without slips are placed at an open window, the fresh air will fluff up the feathers nicely.

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'Running Nose' In Children Needs Care

By **HERMAN N. BUNDESEN.**

A "RUNNING NOSE" that occurs repeatedly is so often seen in young children that many mothers tend to take it for granted as something which will be outgrown as the child gets older. This is a mistake because this symptom is a definite indication of something wrong which should be investigated as soon as possible.

Even where a doctor is consulted at once, successful treatment may be difficult because any one of a number of causes may be responsible. Of course, treatment will not avail until the cause is found.

Discharge Gives Clues

The nature of the discharge itself will give clues as to its cause, that is, whether it is watery or thick or, as sometimes happens, stained with blood.

In infants, a nasal discharge may be due to a narrowing of the nasal passages. If they are blocked on both sides, the child will be unable to breathe through his nose and will keep his mouth open. This makes for difficult breathing and trouble in nursing. The nose will be found to be full of crusts which coat the walls. Infections of the nasal passages soon follow and the nasal discharge becomes thick and yellow.

Causes

The nasal discharge may be due to a cold. An infant may have recurrent attacks of nasal discharge due to improper feeding, according to Dr. Charles E. Scott, of Edinburgh. Lack of fresh air may be another contributing factor. Babies who are kept in overcrowded, overheated rooms with insufficient ventilation may develop a chronic, continued nasal discharge. In these instances, the discharge does not form crusts, but may produce some irritation of the upper lip and the area round the opening of the nose.

In older children, the running nose may be due to a bit of material such as paper, a bead, pebble or a fruit pit which has been pushed into the nose by the child. In such cases, the discharge is unilateral or one-sided, continuous, and gradually becomes thickened.

Diphtheria Infection

If the discharge from the nose is blood streaked, there is a possibility of its being due to a diphtheria infection. In such instances, a membrane may be seen in the nose. The discharge may be clear at first, but in a day or two becomes cloudy and thick. There also may be repeated nosebleeds.

Infection of the nasal sinuses is another common cause.

Other responsible factors are hay-fever, and what is known as allergic rhinitis, a condition due to sensitivity to such things as dust, pollen, or foods. In these latter cases, the discharge from the nose is thin and watery, and the lining membrane of the nose is pale and swollen.

Nasal discharge is a symptom and one which requires thorough investigation so that the cause may be found and proper treatment employed.

COMFORTABLE AND WARM



By **VERA WINSTON**

RED PLAID knickers are the new innovation for warmth and fun. These are frankly a conversation piece in the dormitory, but we bet that teen-age girls will be glad of them for wear under heavy corollary skirts when the weather becomes really cold and blustery. A tucked, lace-trimmed ballet costume seems the proper party of the second part for these old timers.

Ornaments for Your Hair



Plastic combs are attractive and a practical way to keep your hair in place.

By **HELEN FOLLETT**

IT would seem that "the girl with a rose in her hair" has emerged from the past along with peplums, bustles, poke bonnets and what have you. We are referring to a real rose, right off the bush, not one made of tissue and velvet. Girls of college age refuse to believe that hair is most beautiful when unadorned. They like to add a few touches, and plenty of touches are to be had, if the shopper seeks them—barrettes, clips, cute jewelled tuck combs.

Halfless days are still with us and, for many pretty young things, they go right through the year, snow flying or fair weather. It's nice then to use decorative devices for holding locks in place so that they won't be so wind blown that they won't look scrambled.

The barrette comes in handy. A famous New York jewellery designer is producing barrettes and clips in gleaming silver. Their simplicity makes them the ideal items of accessory for youthful coiffures and costume trends. Plastic combs, too, and a practical way to keep hair in place.

There is an increasing use of ribbon bows that are as quaint as silk mitts and sunshades. All sorts of quirky designs are possible as ribbons can be tied in a variety of ways and are attached partly by means of a pin or a clip. Sometimes one is worn on either side of a centre part, for a light, wing-like effect. They can be matched to costume colours or contrasted for emphasis.

Teen-agers are always looking for something light and gay in the way of hair decorations, something attractive enough to wear right through the day and into that very special-evening date. For the party a sprig of fresh flowers gives a gala touch to even the simplest hair style, is perfectly attuned to the revival of feminine fluff currently sweeping all fields of fashion and beauty.

Here we must add the moral; keep the hair shining clean by using a shampoo agent that does a thorough job, that rinsing removes quickly. Unless the hair glistens, the effect is not tops.



A Savoury Suet Pudding Will Make the Meat Go Farther

THERE was a sound of chop, chop, chopping in the kitchen. The Chef was preparing a savoury suet pudding to serve with beef stew.

"I see you're chopping the beef suet with a big knife," I said. "I use the food chopper."

"That is a very well for Mame, but for me I have the hand strong enough to use the big knife. It is as quick as when I get out the food chopper and set it up. And if I sprinkle the suet with flour it does not stick."

"But why don't you keep the food chopper set up?" I asked.

"I think it gets dusty," explained the Chef.

"But not if you cover it with a paper bag," I suggested. "Or if you like I'll make a transparent plastic bag to tie over it."

Suet Pudding

He finished his job with an especially vigorous chop, and began to put the suet pudding together. "Do you like suet pudding?" I asked.

"Oui Madame. It is one of the English dishes that are healthy and useful, especially with fricassee or braised meat and plenty of gravy, or to serve with a beef stew as we do today. It makes the meat go much farther."

"And it's a wholesome change from plain bread or rice," I added. "The beef suet or fat used in making it adds a rich meaty flavour, and often the butcher gives a piece of suet free with the meat, one of the few things you can get for the asking. Then if you want the suet pudding to be even meatier in flavour, you can add a half tsp. of beef extract with the liquid used in making it."

Place On The Menu

Savoury suet pudding, and other savoury puddings have a definite and important place in our menus today. They are substantial, nutritious, appetising and money-saving, and they are very easy to make. If it is not convenient to steam the suet pudding in a tin or mould, it may be made into dumplings and cooked with the stew.

To do this, make up the dough, according to the directions in this column. Put it on a floured board shape into rounds with a biscuit cutter, and drop into the stew as soon as it begins to simmer. Suet dumplings should be cooked for two hours, to be sure the fat is thoroughly melted and cooked through.

As they will absorb some of the liquid, add 2 extra cups of water when the meat is put on to cook.

Dinner
Grapefruit Juice
Beef and Vegetable Stew
Savoury Suet Pudding
Tomato Celery-Olive Aspic Salad
Apple Meringue Compote
Coffee or Tea
Milk (Children)
All Measurements Level
Recipes Serve Four

Beef And Vegetable Stew

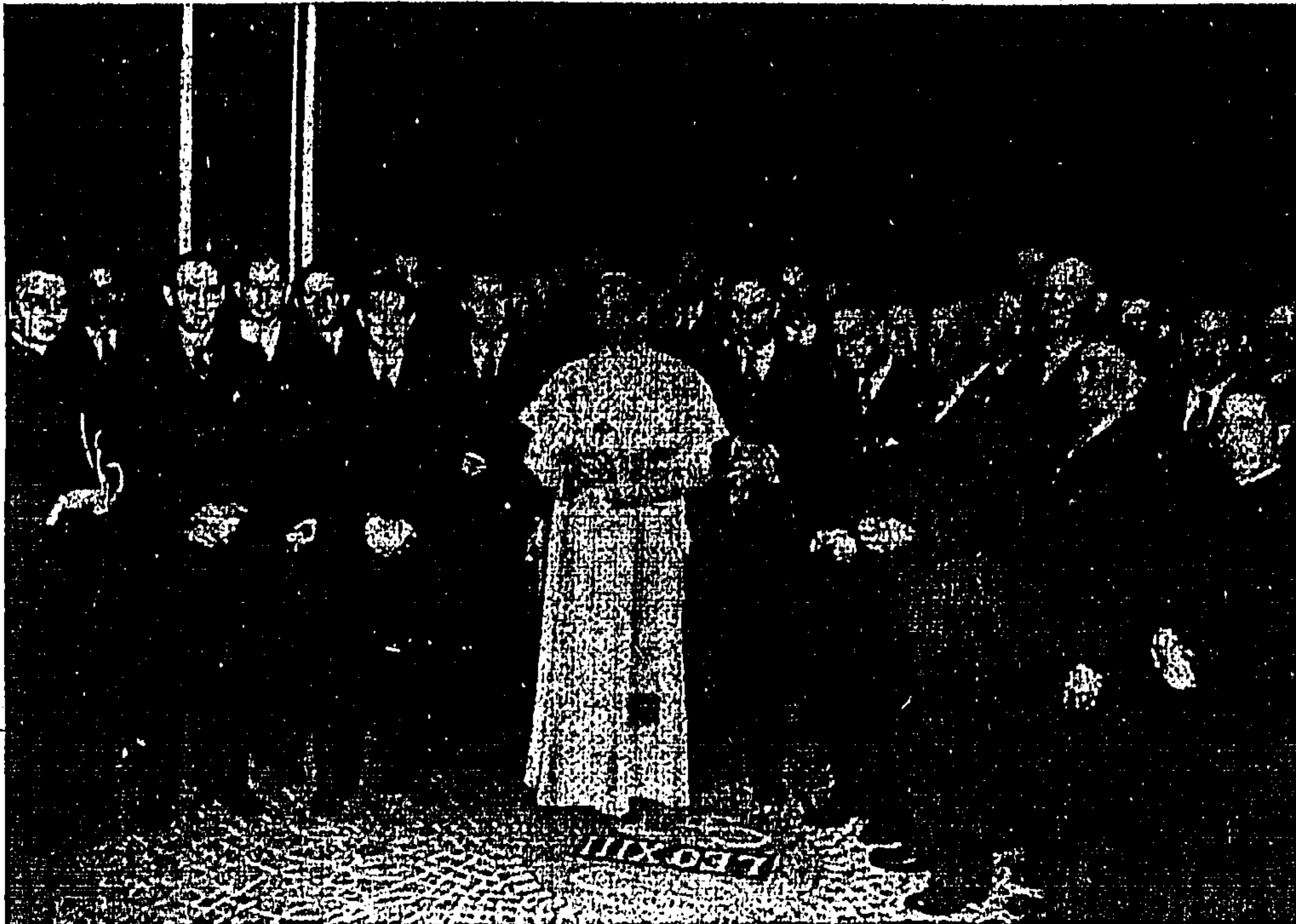
Purchase 2 lb. neck, blade, shank and shin of beef and cut it into bite-sized pieces. (Save bones to put in the stock pot.) Remove all excess fat from the beef. Then roll the beef in 1/2 c. flour mixed with 1 1/2 tsp. salt and 3/4 tsp. pepper. Fry the beef fat in a heavy stew pan; when there is about 2 tbsp. liquid fat, remove the scraps and brown the beef all over in it. Add 6 c. boiling water and 1 lb. beef extract. Cover and simmer 1 1/2 hr. (Or pressure cook at 15 lb. for 20 min.). Then add 4 good-sized carrots peeled and quartered, 4 onions peeled and halved, and 2 c. coarsely-diced potatoes. Cover closely, and simmer until the vegetables are tender, from 30 to 35 min. (If pressure, allow 8 min. at 15 lb. to cook the vegetables). Serve poured over slices of suet pudding; garnish with spoonfuls of heated timpan peas.

Savoury Suet Pudding: Sift together 2 c. all-purpose flour, 2 tsp. baking powder and 1/2 tsp. salt. Add 1/2 c. minced beef suet or solid beef fat. Then mix to a heavy dough with 3/4 c. cold water. Transfer to a well oiled at-sized mould or tin. Cover closely, place in a deep kettle and pour in boiling water to 3/4 the depth of the tin. Cover and boil slowly but steadily for 2 hr. Unmould, slice and serve very hot with any kind of stewed, braised or fricassee meat and plenty of gravy.

Apple Meringue Compote

Combine 4 c. diced washed apples, (do not peel if perfect and tender.) Mix with 1 tsp. flour, 1 tsp. melted butter or margarine, 1/2 tsp. nutmeg and 3/4 c. granulated sugar. Transfer to a large, deep oiled pie plate, or use a good-sized individual baking dish. Bake in a slow to moderate oven, 325 to 350 F., until the apples are tender, about 40 min. Then top with a meringue made by beating 1 large egg white until light and stiff with 1/2 tsp. cream of tartar and 1 tsp. sugar. Make a border of this around the edge of the apple dish, with a pastry tube, or teaspoon. Bake about 12 min. in a slow oven, 325 F., or until the meringue is light brown. Serve warm or cold.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



PAPAL WELCOME—Pope Pius XII poses with a group of American farmers from the Midwest whom he received in a private audience at the Vatican. The farmers, making a private tour of Europe, received the Pope's praise for their work in agriculture.



SLEEP TIME GAL—Oriental atmosphere is achieved in New York with this tailored lounging robe further enhanced by pyjamas made of matching brocade material. The robe is nylon-quilted and features a large pocket and three black frogs.



VISIT OF ITALIAN GENERAL—Gen. Elio Marras (second from left), Chief of Staff of the Italian Army, looks out over New York from the Empire State Building before leaving for Washington as guest of American Chief of Staff Gen. Omar Bradley.



"MISS UNITED STATES"—Dorothy Burks, 22, is crowned "Miss United States" by Major Gen. William H. Arnold during a United Nations Girls' Organisation dance in Washington, D.C.



SOMETHING NEW—An armed Russian soldier stands guard at the bow of a barge being towed through the Western Zone canal system to the port of Magdeburg in the Soviet Zone. Putting Russian guards aboard barges is the latest gesture in Russia's "nerve war." Technically, all Berlin waterways are under Soviet control.



LEARNING YOUNG—Johnny Atkinson, three, feeds a lump of sugar to the pony he received from his father for Christmas. Daddy is Ted Atkinson, America's leading jockey in 1944 and 1946. Scene is Miami Springs, Florida.



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TENTH INSTALMENT:

EISENHOWER WAS MY BOSS

By KAY SUMMERSBY

IT was the middle of August, and Dick's old 3rd Division was in Messina. The Sicilian show was over. The curtain was going up on the Italian campaign. But, in the field and in all headquarters, talk centred upon Patton. The factual details remained foggy; correspondents still hadn't broken the story. Yet everyone in the Mediterranean knew General Patton had slapped a soldier at 93rd Evacuation Hospital.

Even his staunchest admirers declined to justify the incident. Enemies pointed out that slapping a soldier is a court-martial offence for any officer, let alone a general, as famous as Patton. His friends agreed, but argued that "Blood and Guts" undoubtedly was the most valuable fighting general in America's European armies; would it serve the war effort to junk him, just to satisfy regulations and one soldier's pride? Hundreds of soldiers' lives—not just their pride and military rights—were frequently sacrificed for the bigger goal, the winning of the war. Shouldn't this same principle apply here? Patton's enemies counter-attacked this argument by charging his retention would cause an angry storm of protest, so overwhelming that it might destroy public faith in the Army. Besides, they added, there weren't enough high-ranking officers in the area to try a lieutenant general. A trip home and the resultant stretch of court-martial, Patton's friends contended, might very well result in an international scandal, damaging to the Allies and their war.

Patton in Sicily

AFTER Drew Pearson cracked the story, these problems boiled over into the American press; in our own sector they were fought from headquarters to squad level. General Eisenhower, probably Patton's best friend and yet saddled with the responsibility for correction, wrote to his Seventh Army commander the most severe reprimand he ever had to compose in Europe. He also ordered a direct apology to all the men involved, as well as to the assembled officers of their regiment. Curiously enough, none of the letters General Eisenhower received at this time blamed him for the incident; every writer, without exception, including those who waxed hysterical in indignation, expressed a belief that the Supreme Commander would handle the matter appropriately.

Not long afterwards, I had a chance to ask General Patton about the whole thing. He was at Amilcar for lunch and a discussion of forthcoming operations. By the time I arrived, he and I apparently had concluded any talk on the subject, and the lusty Seventh Army chief was well into his great warehouse of risqué stories. As usual, he exiled me for the moment by remarking: "How about mixing me a highball, Kay?"

At lunch he suddenly turned to me and asked: "Why don't you set Iko to bring you over to Sicily on one of his trips?"

I murmured that General Eisenhower was a whirlwind of business whenever he visited Sicily; also, a woman would be very out of place with a general inspecting troops.

"Nonsense," Patton replied. "You should know American soldiers well enough by now to know you'd be damned good for morale!" He turned to the General. "Ike, it's only a hop, skip and a jump over there—how about it?"

The next day Ruth Briggs and I piled into a C-47 and travelled to Sicily for a command luncheon with General Patton. He provided a nice touch by having his Chief of Staff, Hobart (Hap) Gay, at the airfield to meet our plane; after almost a year of greeting VIP's, I enjoyed being welcomed by a general.



The author enjoys a joke

The drive to headquarters revealed heavy damage to Palermo; the harbour was as bad as that at Bizerte, jammed with half-sunken ships, their masts—spiking—through the water. As for the Sicilians along the way—we agreed they were dirtier, if possible, than the Arabs. They also treated their animals with an Arab-like brutality. The overall filth, which seemed natural among the down-trodden Arabs of North Africa, was an unpleasant surprise in Sicily. Neither Ruth nor I had any desire to go sightseeing.

We found General Patton enthroned in a palace once occupied by the King of Sicily. The building was huge, ornate, and rambling; although only a few rooms were in use, they gave a grand, palatial air to the GI equipment strewn around.

Ruth and I turned down the famous Patton 75, a suicidal highball of champagne, brandy, and possibly other disastrous mixtures. Lunch consisted of GI food and shop talk. And most of that shop talk centred around the distinctly burning ears of Bernard Law Montgomery. General Patton blamed Monty for the worst military sin in the book of land warfare—caution. And he used every word in a dock's vocabulary—apologising to us women with humorous regularity—to condemn that

Afterwards, he called us up to his room and remarked with a smile: "Here's something you can probably use." Each of us grabbed, most unladylike, at a thin box obviously "liberated" somewhere in Sicily. Tearing at the wrappers, we found a treasure more priceless than steak, diamonds, or perfume—silk stockings.

Before sending us back to Tunisia, the General acted as our guide to an old, old, medieval church, and, religious soul that he was beneath that flamboyant exterior, prayed humbly for his troops and his family.

As we parted, I simply had to ask him about the slapping incident. General Patton sadly remarked: "I always get in trouble with my gawd-damned mouth!" At the same time, he shouted at the top of his squeaky voice: "But if this sort of thing ever comes up, I'll do it again!"

Bogged Down

THE next two months were a hodge-podge of the present, the future, and an incessant parade of VIP's.

The present, despite the Italian surrender, was dreary. Our campaign in Italy, off to a bang-up start and smokescreened by a false optimism which disguised German determination to keep the fighting in Italy bogged down. Salerno was only a black prelude to bigger tragedy in the offing at Anzio.

The future moved into our present in the form of the first talk about an operation to be known as "Overlord," the long-awaited invasion of France.

The Big Brass flood started with a visit on October 1 by the American Secretary of the Navy, Frank Knox. He was followed the next day by Mr. Donald Nelson, head of America's war production, and Mr. James Landis, the Harvard Law School dean who was handling American civilian defence. The next day, it was Lord Louis Mountbatten again, en route to India. Then came the Ambassador to Moscow, W. Averell Harriman; his arrival gave me a chance to—renew acquaintance with his daughter Kathy, whom I had known in London. The day after their appearance in North Africa, we had the Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Morgenthau in the morning, had him and Ambassador Harriman to lunch, met Secretary of State Cordell Hull in the afternoon, had him to dinner that evening, and saw him and the Harrimans off for Moscow that night. It was a typical day in that VIP period, and I must admit, a trifle heady.

Real Burdens

IF these were pleasant visitors, the nomadic politicians were real burdens. They made a point of collaring every GI in sight, bellowing, "Where you from, son? I'll be sure to tell your Ma I saw you when I get back to the United States of America!" Some of this was friendly and natural. But all too often it was brazenly political, nauseating not only to the accompanying Brass but to the soldiers themselves. They all knew a vote-grabber when they saw one.

Batch tried to talk General Eisenhower into having one group of Congressmen up for dinner. Ike blew his top, refused to have a formal dinner party, and reluctantly agreed to a luncheon. "I'm fighting a war," he yelled, "and a damned tough war. I'm not a politician. I'm a general!" That same day, he went to the dispensary for a routine check-up; the doctors postponed his physical exam because the politicians had sent his blood pressure skyrocketing.

The third contingent of VIP's consisted of show people, most of them



"Blood and Guts" Patton, the most colourful American commander of World War II, caused a sensation by slapping a soldier. Kay Summersby here describes the repercussions to this incident at General Eisenhower's headquarters and throughout the Mediterranean command.

big-hearted trouper anxious to give soldiers a little relaxation and quite good-matured over the difficulties in both transportation and staging. For example, there was Ben Lillie, who charmed the General with several impromptu after-dinner sketches at the villa. General Ike liked to have the headlines up for an evening, to show his appreciation of their efforts. Other welcome guests included Vivian Leigh, so lovely and petite one felt one was in the presence of an exquisite, fragile, Dresden China doll, Fredric March, who, unlike some of the male film and stage stars, was reserved, respectful, and well-acquainted with the war. Noel Coward, who executed a few fancy dance steps at AFHQ one day to show us he could do something more than write witty, sophisticated drama; Bob Hope, greatly admired by the General for his natural wit and his never-ending tours of battlefields all over the world; and a host of other fine persons.

Some of the USO people were quite different, ignoring the GI's they were sent to entertain and concentrating upon the High Brass. Their chief concern was publicity. Their tag line usually ran, "It was little enough for me to do, to give them a few moments of smiles before they went off into battle."

The phonies and the politicians soon hurried back to America, though. And November of 1943 brought us the biggest VIP of them all.

Airtight Security

GENERAL Eisenhower told me about it as we drove down from the villa, where I picked him up every morning, to the hotel headquarters of AFHQ in Algiers. "It's a top-level secret," he confided, "but I can tell you because you're on the staff. In a week or so you're going to be driving the President of the United States."

Chauffeur! Isn't exactly a glamorous job. But I knew from past experience that the presence of a female in the front seat of a car, in all the heavy maleness of war, leads VIP's to soften their stiffness and become human for a few minutes. So I looked forward to meeting President Roosevelt, and possibly, to actually talking with him. As a person and as a dignity, he interested me more than anyone else to date, including the Prime Minister and the King of England. And by the time General Ike flew to Oman to meet the battleship Idw and its Number One passenger, I had caught at least a little of the official family's excitement.

General Eisenhower was bringing the President to the company in Tunisia, rather than into the still somewhat explosive atmosphere of Algiers. I joined other lesser lights in the advance trip to Amilcar. The journey was as rough as a bad Channel crossing; Telex, although moose and whimpering, was the only passenger aboard that B-17 without fits of nausea. And the taut state of nerves at the airport was hardly an antidote for any of us. American Secret Service men, sloppily dressed and as tough-looking as characters in a gangster film, dashed about on mysterious errands to set up nightlig security for the High Brass, who would include not only the Commander-in-Chief and the Allied Supreme Commander, but also General Marshall, Admiral Ernest J. King, Mr. Harry Hopkins, Admiral William P. Leahy, "Pa" Watson, and a flock of other officials.

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TELLING TALES

... of the kind of world we are living in today

"WHAT on earth are you doing?" cried the Henderson housewife as she found her husband holding a revolver. "I'm going to shoot John Strachey," he said. "But you can't," protested his wife. "You'll be caught."

"I can't help that. I simply cannot stand that man running my meals another minute." Gun in pocket, he walked out.

Two hours later he was back. "What happened? Are you all right?" cried his wife.

"No nearer," said the husband. "There was a queue."

THE LANGUAGE master was examining the word "Yes."

"A simple word required often and usually, therefore, a single syllable. In English, as we know, 'Yes' is in French, 'Oui'... in German, 'Ja'."

"And please sir, what about Russian, sir?"

"Ah! moment now... Oh, well, it's a word they seldom use, anyway."

ONE EVENING a Russian dog met a British dog gnawing a bone. "That's a poor meal," said the Russian. "In my country we have big bones every day, with lots of meat and marrow on them."

"Then why did you come here?" growled the bulldog.

Silence.

"I said why did you want to come to a place like this?" repeated the bulldog.

And very quietly the Russian dog whispered: "Well, it was because I wanted to bark."

IT HAPPENED not so very far from Piccadilly-circus. It happened in one of those men's barber shops which have the accent on glamour. The customer was the West End playboy type, and his manicurist was extremely pretty. Followed the usual badinage... and then the young man said:

"Will you have supper with me tonight—and then maybe a night club?"

"I don't think I should," said the girl. "In married, you see."

But the playboy was the self-confident, high-moued, marriage-mustn't-mean-shackles type.

"Nonsense! Ask your husband, I'm sure he won't mind."

"Ask him yourself," said the girl. "He's shaving you."

THE TEACHER in the little town in Greece was hungry (as were many in his part of the world). But he spoke to the class in a voice of sweeping confidence:

"Tomorrow we will discuss the egg. Each pupil will bring an egg to school with him—those who can't will bring a little ham."

YOU KNOW the kind of wife she was. Well she and her husband had been to America and, on the quiet, she had bought two of those eye-blinking ties which many Americans still consider smart.

They were to be his Christmas present—and they were handed over on Christmas Eve.

The husband hated them. He could hardly decide which was the worse. But, miserably, he selected one to go down to breakfast in.

"Haf So you don't like the other one," said his wife when he came into the room.

THE LITTLE BOY was out to tea with his uncle. He had never seen so many different cakes: mounds of honour, queen cakes, cream puffs, and wonderful stuff covered with layers of chocolate.

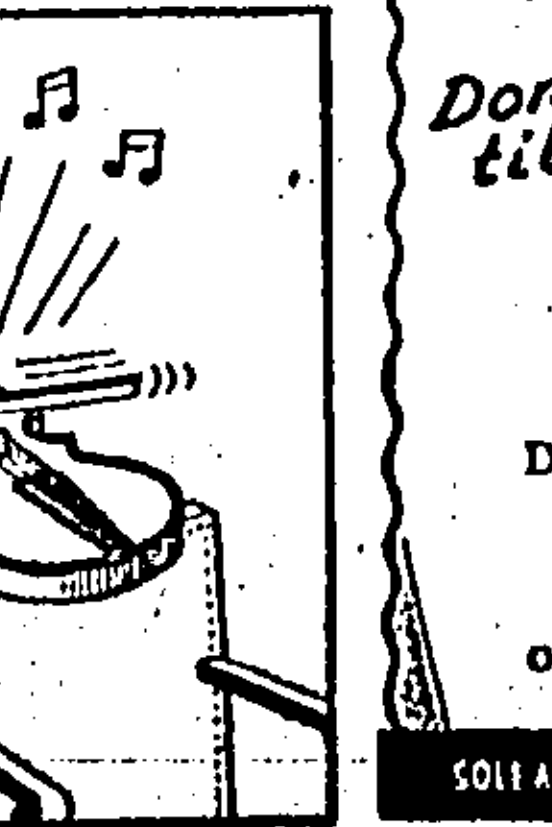
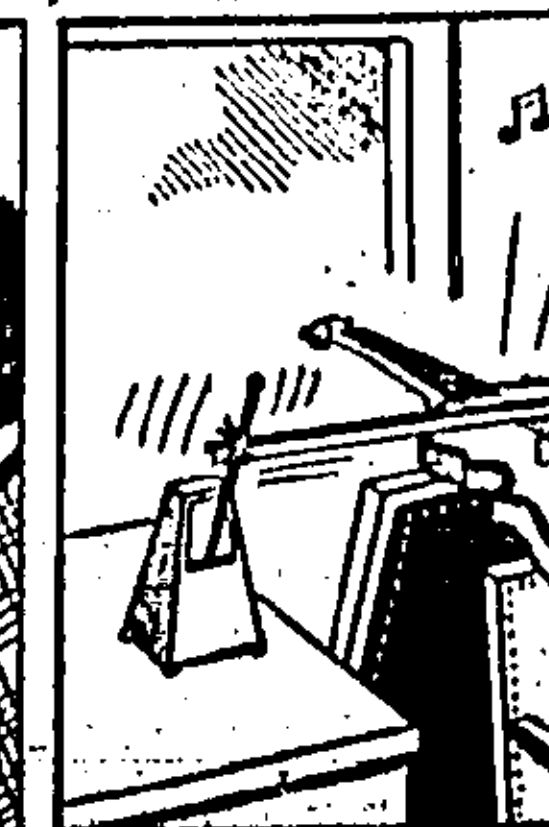
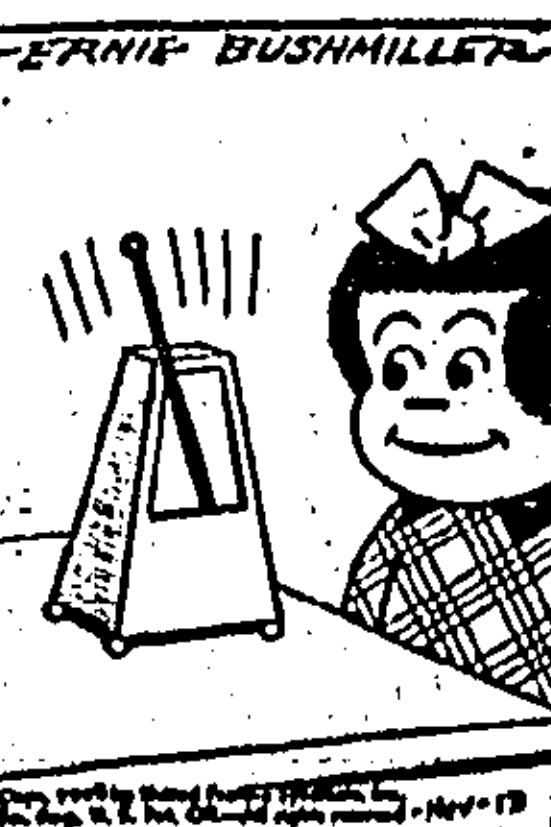
The waitress approached the table: "Gateau, sir?" she said.

The boy looked puzzled. "Gateau?" he echoed—"I thought that was the name of a concentration camp or something."



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P.W.D. LARCENY TRIAL:

DEFENCE COUNSEL AGAIN ASKS FOR SEPARATE TRIAL

Taking exception to a question by Crown Counsel which he alleged was prejudicial to the interests of his client, Mr Percy Chen (Counsel for Kwok Kwong) this morning renewed his application for a separate trial, for the jury to be discharged and for a new trial to be ordered before Mr Justice Reynolds at the Criminal Sessions, when the trial of two members of the Public Works Department charged with theft of Government stores continued. The application was refused.

Counsel's objection arose during re-examination of a witness, Charles Messenger Rowe, electrical engineer of Pacific Air Maintenance and Supply Company, who was recalled for further cross-examination by Mr D'Alton (Counsel for Spary).

Accused are Kwok Kwong, 47, foreman, and Austin Spary, 50, electrical inspector, Grade 1, both of the Public Works Department. They are charged on 10 counts of larceny by public servant, one of obtaining money by false pretences from the steward of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and one of conspiracy to defraud the Government of money.

Mr Percy Chen, instructed by Mr C.A.S. Russ, is appearing for Kwok, and Spary is represented by Mr V. J. L. D'Alton, instructed by Mr P. J. Griffiths. Appearing for the prosecution is Mr A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Chief Insp. J. Johnston, and Det. Sub-Inspector L. C. McPherson, of the Special Branch. The jury empanelled comprises four men and three women.

Charles Messenger Rowe, electrical engineer employed by the Pacific Air Maintenance and Supply Company (formerly the Cathay Pacific Airways), who had earlier testified to work carried out at the company's installation in 1947 and 1948 by workmen whom he had said had been sent there by Spary, was recalled by Mr D'Alton for cross-examination.

Rowe said that O.E. Julebitz was a clerk employed by C.P.A. As far as witness could recollect, he thought that Julebitz left his employment in 1947 or 1948.

Mr D'Alton: Do you know for what reason he left?

Witness: I don't. I think he resigned to take on another position to better himself.

HARRIS IN CHARGE

Now, the course of his cross-examination, he said that "we" referred to the men working on the huts as "Spary's men." Asked who "we" were, he replied "Rowe, Harris and myself." Can you tell us if that is true, that you referred to the men as "Spary's men"? To the best of my knowledge, no. These works were being carried out at the C.P.A. and on the quonset hut, Harris was in charge, was he not?—Yes.

What is his present position?—He is the manager of Pacific Air Maintenance and Supply Company, which is the new name of Cathay Pacific Airways.

Mr Harris is away from the Colony, isn't he? Can you tell me when he left?—He left Kai Tak Aerodrome on December 20.

Do you know whether he informed the Police or anyone that he was leaving?—I do not know. To the best of my knowledge, I don't think he did.

Was his decision to leave a very sudden one, or was it in the air for some time?—In the air for some time. It was not sudden. Harris had worked at Cathay Pacific Airways and at Pacific Air Maintenance for quite a considerable time, and he was pretty run down. I think it was on the insistence of the Company that he took a holiday.

You would not say he was actually ill?—Not in the true sense of the word. He was run down, tired. For how long is he going to be absent?—I cannot say. I understand it was tentatively for a month, but it could be longer.

Now, when this case started last August, when enquiries began to be made, you made a statement to the Police, did you not? Later, in the course of the committee's investigation before the Magistrate, you changed that statement, didn't you?—Yes. Shall I say I qualified it?

Mr Justice Reynolds: It was not the same statement, anyway?

Witness: It was not. Mr D'Alton: Would it be right that your original statement was that you had rung up Spary, or something to that effect?—Did I mention Spary's name?

ALTERED STATEMENT It seemed so in the statement to the Police. Did you mention Spary in your statement to the Police?—I did.

Subsequently you altered your statement this way, that you had rung up the P.W.D. but you could not say you had spoken to Spary, isn't that so?—Yes.

This is what you are alleged to have said to the Police "I rang up Spary asking if he could put me on to the same man who had executed the previous contract. He said he would do so and promised to send a man to me." Subsequently, as I say, you stated on oath that in fact all that happened was that you had rung up the P.W.D. number and someone had given you the name or number of the contractor. That is the true story?—That is so.

Now, as a result of this alteration in your statement it is, in fact, in it, that the Crown wanted to treat you as a hostile witness?—That is correct.

In your explanation, which is on the deposition, you said "I made a statement to the Police. It was a

Important Law Case Concerning Land Deal

An important case dealing with the position arising out of contracts for sale of land shortly before the Japanese occupation of the Colony came before the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, at the Supreme Court this morning. Counsel for the plaintiffs stated that this was the first of possibly a number of such cases. Each case had its own particular features and his Lordship's decision on any one may or may not affect the others, said counsel.

Plaintiffs, represented by Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr V. H. Chan, were Kwok Yuen-chuen and Wong Chuk-chiu, merchants of 180, Wellington Street, ground floor, while defendants were the Shim Tet Thong Co., Ltd., with registered offices at 44, Bonham Street East. They were represented by Mr Charles E. Losoby, on the instructions of Mr E. S. C. Brooks.

Plaintiffs claimed that by an agreement in writing entered into between the plaintiffs and defendants on November 21, 1941, the defendants agreed to sell and the plaintiffs agreed to buy from them Inland Lots 4300 and 4503 together with the messuages, erections and buildings thereon known as 10, 7 Li Yuen Street East for \$57,000.

In pursuance of the agreement plaintiffs paid a deposit of \$5,000 to the defendants.

SALE UNCOMPLETED Defendants had not completed and refused to complete the sale and the premises have not been conveyed by the defendants to the plaintiffs.

The plaintiffs claim: (a) Specific performance of the agreement for sale and that the defendants may be ordered to execute the proper conveyance of the premises to the plaintiffs. (b) In the alternative: (1) A declaration that they are entitled to the return of the deposit; (2) Damages for breach of contract. (c) Costs.

(d) Such further or other relief as the Court may deem just.

Mr Bernacchi said that according to the agreement the purchase was to have been completed on or before January 6, 1942. After dealing with certain correspondence, counsel said that it would be his case that it was a positive deduction from the circumstances of the case that the defendants were in breach of contract.

TWO MAIN ISSUES There were two main factual issues, he said. Plaintiffs' evidence would be that they attended at the office of Tso and Hodgson on January 6, 1942, but the vendors were not represented. Plaintiffs were informed that Messrs Hastings and Company had been closed as a result of the occupation. The second issue would be for the defence to prove and that was that the plaintiffs were in friendly territory during the whole of the Japanese occupation of the Colony.

Mr Bernacchi said that there was also the question of the legal effect on the parties were divided or undivided by line of war. If plaintiffs were in friendly territory it would not make the contract for sale illegal.

There was also the question of frustration by illegality or impossibility.

Mr Bernacchi said that his case would be that the plaintiffs were in Hongkong in January 1947 and thereafter were in Canton and were never in friendly territory. He contended that Canton was equally in subjugation to the enemy as well as Hongkong.

Counsel said that it was also his submission that the plaintiffs were not at fault and that the default was on the part of the vendors. Hearing is proceeding.

Death Of Noted Comedian

New York, Jan. 12.—The death occurred here of Willie Howard, 62, one of the all-time greats of vaudeville and the Broadway musical stage in the Ziegfeld era.

Mr Howard died in the Polyclinic Hospital today after a six-week illness.

The sad-eyed little comedian, who introduced "Sweet Adeline" and who made famous the song "Pay The Man Two Dollars," died just a day before a musical in which he was to star was scheduled to open on Broadway.—United Press.

gentleman as gold-teeth. Who did you mean by that?

Witness: That man (indicating Kwok Kwong in the dock).

Whom did you mean by blotchy face?—That man there (indicating a man identified as Au Pui).

Foreman of the Jury: When you telephoned the P.W.D. exchange, whom did you ask to speak to? Did you ask to speak to Spary?

Witness: I asked to contact Spary. And the person who answered the phone did not give you any name?

No. It was a male voice. Mr D'Alton: I think the position should be cleared up, my Lord. The witness has said that when he rang up the exchange he was told that Spary was in conference. I think that should be made clear to the jury.

Witness: That is correct. The trial is proceeding.

Taxi-Drivers' Meeting

The striking taxi-drivers met at noon today at Confucius Hall to discuss the employers' new proposals. The meeting was private and no reporters were admitted. The police, however, were present. It was disclosed by one of the officials of the Motor Drivers' Union that a press conference will be held tonight, when the result of today's meeting will be released.

This afternoon the drivers' representatives will see the Commissioner of Labour.

Following the release of the 42 arrested pickets yesterday, the partial "sympathy strike" ended this morning and all public cars were on the road.

There were no disturbances at the taxi stands at Pedder Street and the Star Ferry, which are occupied by about 100 taxis.

The new drivers said this morning that all taxi operators had stopped employing new drivers for the time being. They thought it was likely that they intend to reinstate the old drivers. The new drivers say they do not fear dismissal if this takes place.

Court Sequel To Hold-Up

Investigations by the police following a highway robbery on Sunday along the Clear Water Bay Road led to the arrest of two men, who were charged at Kowloon Court this morning.

The accused are Sit Ting, 22, unemployed, living in an unnumbered hut at Tin Ha Wa Village, and Lau Tin, 32, boatman, of the same village.

They were charged on four counts. The first alleged that, together with one other, they robbed Ronald George Ballantine and Cherie Julian Maybeth on January 9 near Tai Hang Hau village of money, jewellery and various other articles.

They were also charged with larceny from the person of Olga Nicholavina Yord at Clear Water Bay Road on December 12 last of a handbag containing money and various articles.

Other charges related to possession of arms and ammunition and receiving stolen property. The case came before Mr Blair-Kerr, who granted a request made by the police for two days' remand for further inquiries.

Junk Mistress Fined

For lying inshore during prohibited hours without a permit, Chan Kam-mul, 42, mistress of a trading junk, was fined \$15 or three days by Mr Cairns at the Marine Court this morning.

She pleaded that she had discharged cargo last night, and the water at 8 p.m. was too shallow for her to leave. SI Nippard said the junk was moored alongside the quay wall at Shek Lung Street this morning, and the area had been dredged by the Port Works.

He added that high water was about 6 p.m.; there should have been ample water for the boat to leave.

Wong Pui, 28, master of a cargo junk, was fined \$10 or two days for failing to produce his licence when asked to do so by a policeman. Defendant said the licence had been deposited as security with a ship from which he was unloading live-stock.

FIRE MAKES 3,000 PEOPLE HOMELESS

Shanghai, Jan. 13.—At least 3,000 people were rendered homeless last evening by a fire which gutted 600 matchboxes in the northern district of Shanghai.

One person was reported to have perished in the fire, which started when a child overturned a kerosene stove while cooking.—Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"She's too ambitious—always wants to load the class! Looks like George is stuck to carry home a truckload of books every night!"

POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR TO CHIANG

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who was governor of Shanghai during the Sino-Japanese war. He was reported to have come here on behalf of Vice-President Li Tsung-jen.—Associated Press.

GEN TU CAPTURED

Nanking, Jan. 12.—General Tu Yu-ming, one of China's great military heroes and leader of the trapped government forces below Hsuehchow, has been captured by the Communists, military sources reported today.

The Communist radio said that General Tu was captured while in disguise as a private, and that the last of his 25 surrounded divisions has been annihilated.

The military sources here said that two of General Tu's leading generals, Chiu Ching-chuan and Li Yi, were missing. These sources said that only 6,000 of his 100,000 starving troops had survived the five weeks of encirclement, and that they have been marching south to join other government forces.

An earlier report in the newspaper, Central Daily News, said that reconnaissance planes had spotted three columns of 50,000 men and the military spokesman, General Teng Wen-yi, denied that three Army groups have been wiped out.—United Press.

SECRET REPORT

Washington, Jan. 12.—The Acting Secretary of State, Mr Robert Lovett, told the press today that the United States recently received a communication from the Chinese Government, which asked that its contents be kept secret.

He would not say whether China had asked this Government, Britain, France and Russia for their views on solving the Chinese civil-war problem.

Reports from China for several weeks have said that the Nationalist Government is seeking Big Four mediation. Asked whether the communication asked for mediation, Mr Lovett declared he could not say.—United Press.

Ex-RN Officer Fined

Bielefeld, Westphalia, Jan. 12.—Captain Guy Oakley Maund, 57-year-old former Royal Navy officer and Chief of the British Frontier Control Service in Germany, was found guilty on a charge of larceny by the Control Commission High Court today.

He was fined £25 with an alternative of one month's imprisonment. Currency charges against Captain Maund were dropped. He pleaded not guilty to the larceny charge.

The Chief Prosecutor said the charge related to a dinner service of 120 pieces and seven wine-glasses, the property of Frau Wegener, wife of the former Gauleiter, Paul Wegener, who is now in British custody.

The charge also alleged that Maund had stolen a carpet, described as the property of the British Military Government.

The Prosecutor said that all the articles were taken to England on the orders of the accused. Later, after identification, they were brought back to Germany by a detective.

A Detective-Inspector told the Court that Maund said the goods must have been packed and sent to England by mistake and not by his orders. He said he had never seen the carpet before and the china was not his.—Reuter.

Moslem Celebration

Under the auspices of the Board of Trustees of the Mosques, the Holy Prophet's Birthday will be celebrated at the Mosque, 30, Shelley Street, beginning with "Movied" congregation on Saturday, at 8.30 p.m. followed by a dinner on Sunday from 3 to 7 p.m. All Moslems, irrespective of nationality, are invited.

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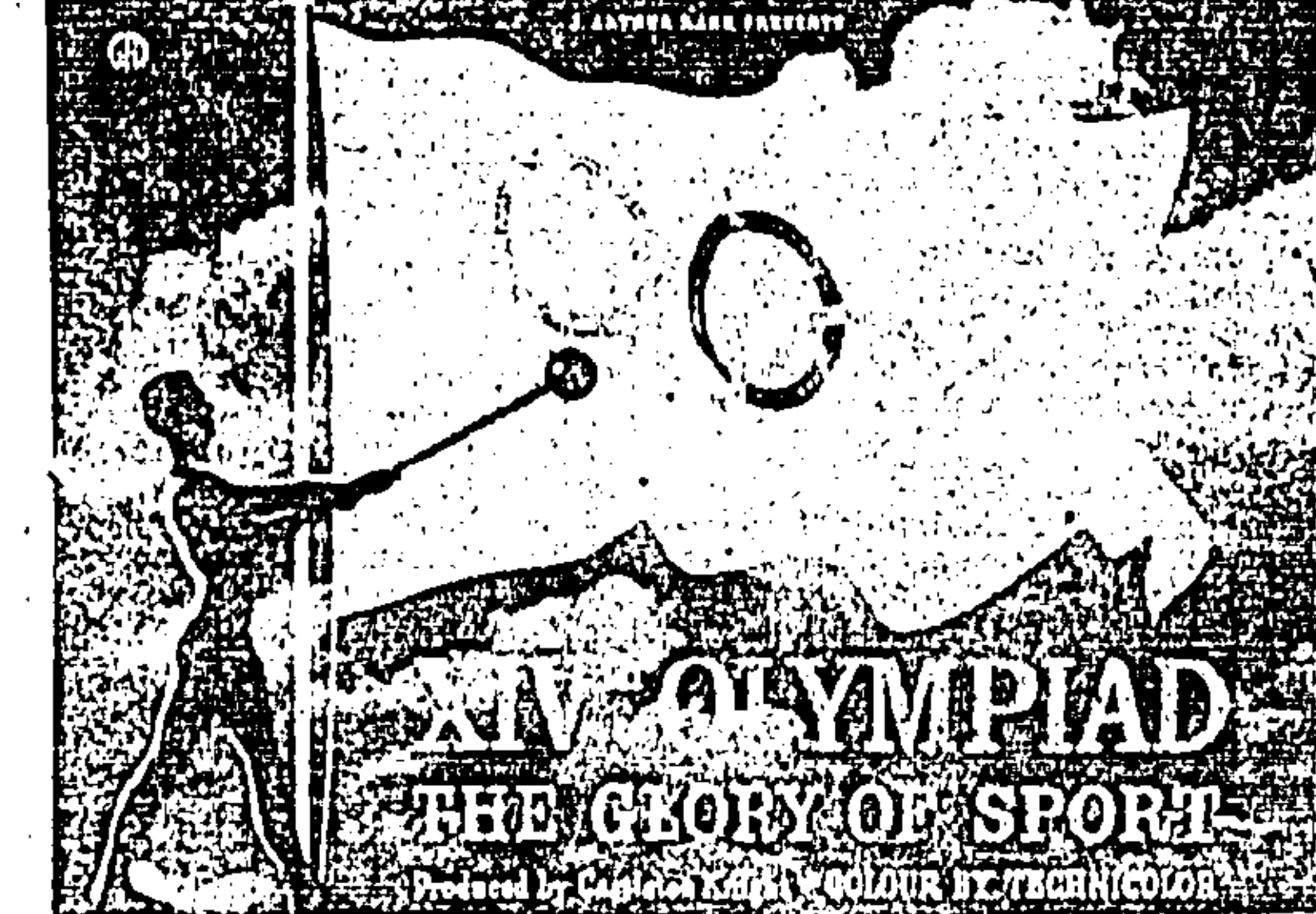
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

Closing Times by Air

Kumming, Luchow, Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, Kweilin, Chungking and Swatow, 5.30 p.m.

Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bahrain, Alexandria, (Nairobi, Johannesburg and Maracilles via Alexandria), Rome and London, (Cairo) 4.30 p.m.; (Cairo) 5 p.m.; Bangkok, Singapore, Malaya, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, 5 p.m.

Japan, 8 p.m.

Salmon and Faria, 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Straits, 3 p.m.

Manila, 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

Closing Times by Air

Swatow and Amoy, 8.30 a.m. (reg); 9 a.m. (ord).

Shanghai, 9 a.m. (reg); 9.30 a.m. (ord).

Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, Taipei, Swatow and Amoy, 3.30 p.m.

Manila, Honolulu, USA & Canada, 5 a.m.

Air Parcel Posts for Manila, Honolulu, USA & Canada, (CPO) 4.30 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m.

Ordinary Air Mail (Printed Matters, Samples and Small Parcel Posts) for Manila, Hongkong, Honolulu and USA, (CPO) 4.30 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Salmon, 10 a.m.

Hankow, 10 a.m.

Hankow and Amoy, 10 a.m.

Manila, 10 a.m.

Formosa via Keelung, 10 a.m.

Swatow, 11 a.m.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Programme Summary: 6.30, Children's Story: "The River Bandit" by E. L. Trevor. Episode 1: "Trouble in the Woods" (H.K.T.S.); 6.55, Interlude; 7.30, La Danseuse Française (Studio); 7.45, World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 7.55, New Mayfair Orchestra; 8.10, "New Year's Eve" a Mystery Serial by Lester Powell. Episode 3: "Situation Vacant" (H.K.T.S.); 8.15, Radio New Year's Concert; 8.30, "Thursday Serenade" (H.K.T.S.); 8.45, "Dance to the Rhythm of the Year" (H.K.T.S.); 9.15, Weather Report and Close Down.

Danish Planes Crash

Copenhagen, Jan. 12.—Two Danish Air Force Spitfires crashed today. The pilot of one was killed when his plane came down during a snowstorm on Jutland.

The second plane crashed while landing at an airport here. Another Danish Spitfire crashed earlier this week.—Reuter.

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